



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

May 2021

City of South Bend



**CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"The easiest way to get out of the pandemic is to get a vaccine."

- Dr. Fauci



10 Neighborhoods held meetings in May!

	NEEDS	ACTIVITIES
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Needs help with engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Put up graduation "Congratulations" signHosting Inc Dev seminar on June 7th
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eager for more interaction between their planning committee and city planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held successful Neighborhood CleanupPlanners presented an update on NWS neighborhood plan
SOAR		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holding event with Tutt library at South East park June 7th to promote the library and engage with neighbors
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would like to get a copy of their neighborhood map	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Had members sign up for the GreenCorps Furnace Aid
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eager to be selected by the City for a 2022 neighborhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Won \$500 Awesome Grant for tool libraryRepaired mini library using City's AoK grantGranted all sidewalk replacements requestsPoetry Mic Night June 12th in Unity Garden
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support with vaccine and lead outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held annual membership meeting2020 Spirit of the NNN Award - Evie Barton2021 Spirit of the NNN Award - Martin StonerHeld 2 Conversation Circles on race
Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need some assistance with community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Had a successful Neighborhood Cleanup
Far Northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support advertising for litter-free FB selfie competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held first membership meeting since COVIDPlanning litter-free selfie competitionPostponed neighborhood cleanup
River Park Business Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Would love a few more details about the Streetcar project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held a meeting with 2 Guest speakersPlan on participating in the River Park Neighborhood Association Cleanup in August
River Park Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rescheduled their Neighborhood Cleanup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning a t-shirt contest in JuneCleanup rescheduled for August 14th

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Neighborhoods Consortium

The Neighborhoods Consortium had its first meeting on April 7th. The groundwork for the Neighborhoods Consortium was laid by the more than 20 people attending. A small number of members volunteered to look over the Consortium's guidelines to help give direction for the future. The next meeting will be held on July 7th.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and live stream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

To apply, visit

<https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Citywide Classroom



Students enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in, do the application over the phone, and then receive the free internet.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org, contact them at 574-703-1881 (call or text), or email info@citywideclassroomsb.org

Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance

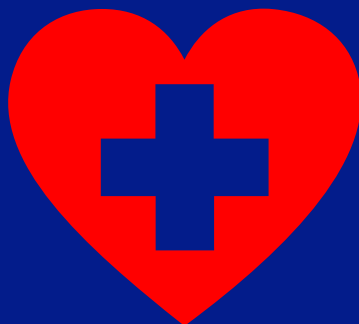


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Where and How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available to all Hoosiers over the age of 12. Please get vaccinated! Vaccination not only protects you from severe COVID-19 but also protects the vulnerable around you.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find the link below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

St. Joseph County's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is designed to decrease evictions, increase housing stability, and prevent homelessness by helping tenants whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 with rent and utility payments.

ERA can provide eligible tenants with up to twelve (12) months of rental assistance. Utility assistance may also be provided to qualifying applicants for past due utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash) and home energy (fuel oil, wood, coal, pellets, and propane) expenses.

Below is the link for tenants to fill out:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant>

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant-spanish>

Below is the link for landlord to fill out for tenants:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-landlord-entry>

Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.